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T. McElwee
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Dear Mr. McElwee:

The Board of Elections in the City of New York (BOE) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request dated November 13, 2019 that states:

“Communications with a Party Chair

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request the following records: The most recent 100 pages of email and print letter messages exchanged between relevant policymakers of the Board of Elections and VITO J. LOPEZ, the late Chair of the Kings County (Brooklyn) Democratic Party. Lopez is known to be deceased as of calendar year 2015 (see attached obituary). There are no personal privacy concerns with regard to Lopez that require redaction. The scope of dates for the records to be considered spans the entirety of the calendar years 2002 to 2015. The relevant policymakers of the Board of Elections are as follows: Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director; Administrative Manager; Operations Manager; General Counsel; Deputy General Counsel; Chief Clerk, Kings County; and Deputy Chief Clerk, Kings County.”

Be advised, FOIL requests are processed in the order in which they are received. Be further advised that BOE staff is currently focused on post-election activities that are legally required to certify the results of each contest within the statutorily mandated time frame. For these reasons and based on the time it will take to search, sort, and/or compile the records being requested, we anticipate the assembly and review of any available records will be completed within sixty (60) days on or about January 19, 2019.

You will be contacted in writing and advised if any records responsive to your request are located and, if subject to disclosure, when copies of same will be available for review.

Should you request copies of such records, please be advised, pursuant to the Public Officers Law §87(1)(b)(iii), there is a fee of 25¢ per photocopy of documents nine inches by fourteen inches or less. For larger documents, the actual cost of reproducing will be charged in accordance with Public Officers Law §87(1)(c).

The BOE accepts cash, money order, or a corporate check made payable to the Board of Elections in the City of New York. Please be prepared to pay for the reproduction costs, if any, when you pick up the materials.

Yours very truly,

Records Access Office of the Board of
Elections in the City of New York